

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 905

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Representative Kevin Brooks for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Kevin Brooks of Cleveland is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Brooks has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Bradley County as a member of the 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies, representing House District 24; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Brooks received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lee University and worked as both Assistant to the President and Director of Alumni Relations at his alma mater; he has worked in public relations and conference management in the Department of Communications for the Church of God since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brooks is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Bradley County, having served with distinction as a Cleveland City Planning commissioner, chairman of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council for Cleveland City Schools, division chair for United Way of Bradley County, a board member of Main Street Cleveland, and an officer and board member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the Board of Directors of Operation Compassion (2010-2016) and the State Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity (2015) and as a member of the Tennessee Hospitality Association, Rejuvenate Advisory Board, Orlando Client Advisory Board, Nashville Convention and Visitors Corp. Advisory Board, and Religious Conference Management Association; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Brooks has rendered sterling service as a member of the House Employee Affairs Subcommittee, House Domestic Affairs Subcommittee, House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee, House Children and Family Affairs Committee, House Higher Education Subcommittee, House Domestic Relations Subcommittee, House Rules Committee, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, House Education Committee, House General Subcommittee of Education, House General Subcommittee of Children and Family Affairs, House General Subcommittee of Finance, Ways and Means, House Ethics Committee, House Education Administration and Planning Committee, House Calendar and Rules, and House Insurance and Banking; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brooks also served with distinction as vice chairman of the House Republican Caucus during the 106th General Assembly, assistant majority leader during the 107th, 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies, vice chair of the House Domestic Relations Subcommittee, vice chair of the House Children and Family Affairs Committee, and vice chair of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Brooks has been honored with the 2017 Legislator of the Year Award by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2017 "Friend of the Flame" award by the Tennessee Gas Association, 2016 Bradley County GOP Lifetime Achievement Award, 2016 Legislative Champion Award by TN SCORE, 2015 Legislative Champion Award by Autism Speaks, 2015 Disability Hero by the Tennessee Disability Coalition, 2014 County Officials Outstanding Legislator of the Year award, 2013 TICUA Harold Bradley Leadership Award for Excellence in Higher Education Policy, 2012 Civil Air Patrol Southeast Region Legislative Squadron Leader of the Year award, 2012

Tennessee Civil Air Patrol Legislative Squadron Leader of the Year award, 2011 TDDA Legislator of the Year award, 2011 TNCO Legislator of the Year award, 2011 Legislator of the Year award by the Southeast Tennessee Development District, 2010 TN SSAR National Society SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Award, and 2009 Rural Health Association Legislator of the Year award and has been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary, 2011 Tennessee Civil Air Patrol Commander of the Tennessee Wing Legislative Squadron of the 107th General Assembly, and 2009 Legislative Officer of the Year, Tennessee Wing Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brooks is a family man, businessman, and civic leader, and he has proven that citizens can make a difference through being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Representative Kevin Brooks is humbly most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Kim, and children, Zach and Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Kevin Brooks has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative Kevin Brooks is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Kevin Brooks for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Bradley County, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.